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VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS
Our Ref. No. 1392/18/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Notice of Appeal including Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages) in duplicate;
2. An Amendment B (17 pages);
3. Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.131 (5 pages);
4. Exhibit A (4 pages);
5. Exhibit B (7 pages);
6. Form 1449 (2 pages) in duplicate;
7. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
8. Copies of 16 references; and
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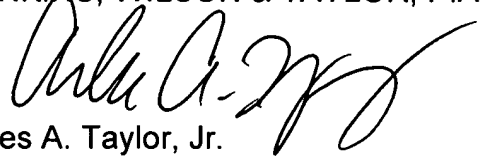
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